

# DONT System

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1. This system is illegal to play in ACBL and WBF events.
2. The primary purpose of this system is to be completely destructive.
3. You must open all hands 2 suited hands in the 0-10 HCP range (At least 4-4)
4. It is important to use bidding discretion; primary factor for making decisions (especially overcalls) should be made based on shape, and secondarily on HCPs.

## Summary of opening bids

Pass = Forcing to 1♣ one of:

- Any 3334 hand
- 22+
- 16-21 Single suited hand
- 0-10 Single suited hand

1♣ = 0-10 or 16-21, Clubs & higher

1♦ = 0-10 or 16-21, Diamonds & higher

1♥ = 0-10 or 16-21, Majors

1♠ = 0-10 or 16-21, Spades

1NT = 11-15, Single suited relay to 2C

2♣ = 11-15, Clubs & higher

2♦ = 11-15, Diamonds & higher

2♥ = 11-15, Majors

2♠ = 11-15, Spades

2NT = 0-10, Single Suited relay to 3♣ (7 card suit)

Etc. i.e. 3♣ = Clubs & higher

## Various continuations after forcing Pass and NT openings

P - 1♣ - 1♠ = 0-10, any 4333

- 1NT = 11-15, any 4333

- 2♠ = 16-17, any 4333

P - 1♣ - P - 2♣ = 22+

1NT - 2♣ - 2♠ = 18-19 balanced

1NT - 2♣ - 2NT = 20-21 balanced

2NT - 3♣ - 3♠ = 22-23 balanced

2NT - 3♣ - 3NT = 24-25 balanced

It is suggested to play transfers after the above bids.

### 3rd seat openings

1♣ = 0-14, any shape (No attractive pre-empt)  
1♦ = 15-21, 4+ diamonds  
1♥ = 15-21, 4+ hearts  
1♠ = 15-21, 4+ spades  
1NT = 0-14, single suited, relay to 2C, 18-19 (rebid 2NT), 15-17 (rebid 2♠),  
2♣ = 22+  
2♦ = 0-14, Diamonds & higher  
2♥ = 0-14, Majors  
2♠ = 0-14, Spades  
2NT = 20-21, balanced

\* Note, opening 2NT in 3rd seat is no longer a relay to 3C, to show a single suited hand at the 3 level, you must open 1NT and rebid it over a 2♣ response.

### Direct Overcalls

1NT = Relay to 2♣ single suited hand  
Clubs = Clubs + higher  
Diamonds = Diamonds & Major  
Hearts = Majors  
Spades = Spades  
X = 16+ HCPs

### A Few Exceptions

(1C) - 2♣ = Diamonds & Spades  
  
(1H) - 2♦ = Diamonds & Spades  
(1H) - 2♥ = Spades & Clubs (stronger/more shape than 2C)  
  
(1♠) - 2♦ = Diamonds & hearts  
(1♠) - 2♥ = Clubs & hearts (stronger/more shape than 2D)  
  
(1NT) - X = Single suited hand

- Third seat overcalls are natural.
- With 0-10 and 5 clubs, start with a pass and pass 1♣ by partner
- With 16-21 point hands, open and then take another bid

### Responding

- Bidding a suit higher than opener's suit is pass or correct.
- Bidding NT over any bid is at least invitational and forcing. If responder makes a bid other than their original opening suit, they are showing a hand which accepts the invitation.
- Any new suit by responder which is lower ranking than opener's suit is forcing.
- All jumps are game forcing

### **Constructive Rebids**

- Bidding over any NT response from partner (except 3NT) shows an invitational hand and is forcing.
- Reversing into your second suit accepts the invitation.
- Rebidding your suit shows a minimum.
- A further NT rebid by responder is a further invitation (If playing accepting bids they still apply) Eg. 1♦ – 1NT – 2♦ – 2NT – 3♥, shows a 7-8 hcp and longer hearts)

### **Accepting Bids**

The idea with "Accepting Bids" is you can never have a natural bid of a lower suit than what you have opened.

After an opening bid of any number of diamonds, hearts or spades, and then a NT bid by responder, opener

- 1♦ - 1NT - 2♣ = Stronger – Longer diamonds with either major (bid 2♦ to find out which)
- 1♦ - 1NT - 2♦ = Minimum – Any shape still
- 1♦ - 1NT - 2♥ = Stronger – Longer hearts
- 1♦ - 1NT - 2♠ = Stronger – Longer spades
- 1♥ - 1NT - 2♣ = Stronger- Longer hearts
- 1♥ - 1NT - 2♦ = Stronger – Equal
- 1♥ - 1NT - 2♥ = Stronger – Longer hearts
- 1♥ - 1NT - 2♠ = Stronger – Longer spades
- 1♠ - 1NT - 2♣ = Stronger – 5 card suit
- 1♠ - 1NT - 2♦ = Stronger – 6 card suit
- 1♠ - 1NT - 2♥ = Stronger – 3 hearts natural